



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Western, et al. )  
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Filed: November 20, 2001 )  
) Group Art Unit: 1637  
Serial No.: 9/989,757 )  
) Examiner: Spiegler, A.  
Title: Detection of Nucleic Acids by )  
Target-Catalyzed Product Formulations )  
)  
Atty Docket No.: BEH-7270 CT2 )


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time in which to file a response to in the above-identified application. Please charge the extension fees and any other required fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-0010.

Respectfully submitted,

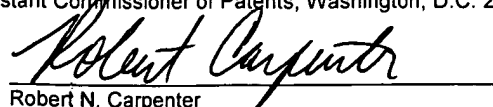
  
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